

To: Carey, Curtis[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
From: Belknap, Andra
Sent: Tue 3/18/2014 8:38:57 PM
Subject: Re: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

Thank you

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 4:35:27 PM
To: Stanislaus, Mathy; Belknap, Andra; Cohen, Nancy
Cc: Reynolds, Thomas; Johnson, Alisha
Subject: RE: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

We're working on the update now.

From: Stanislaus, Mathy
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 3:34 PM
To: Belknap, Andra; Cohen, Nancy; Carey, Curtis
Cc: Reynolds, Thomas; Johnson, Alisha
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The region is the best position to fill in details on that .

From: Belknap, Andra
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 4:32 PM
To: Cohen, Nancy; Carey, Curtis; Stanislaus, Mathy
Cc: Reynolds, Thomas; Johnson, Alisha
Subject: Fw: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

OSWER -- can you please address Tom's comment asap? These need to get to the WH.

From: Reynolds, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 4:29:31 PM
To: Belknap, Andra; Carey, Curtis; Stanislaus, Mathy; Behringer, Caroline; Tapia, Cecilia; Cohen, Nancy
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron
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No they aren't.

Can we add a 2 lines on the subsurface smoldering. Its in the TPs but there is no background. See below.

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To: Carey, Curtis; Reynolds, Thomas; Stanislaus, Mathy; Behringer, Caroline; Tapia, Cecilia; Cohen, Nancy
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron
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All -- are these ready to go to the White House? Please confirm these are final.

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 4:23:14 PM
To: Reynolds, Thomas; Stanislaus, Mathy; Behringer, Caroline; Tapia, Cecilia; Cohen, Nancy
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron
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Tom,

Looks good. We added some background info.

POTUS ST. LOUIS

EPA West Lake

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Background:

The West Lake landfill is a Superfund site located in St. Louis, MO. The landfill was used as a disposal site for cold war era radiological byproducts. NEED 2 LINES ABOUT SUBSURFACE SMOLDERING. NEED SOME CONTEXT HERE The EPA is leading federal actions at the site to protect public health.

Talking Points:

1. This is obviously an issue that is of concern to the residents of St. Louis.
2. The EPA staff continues its focused and coordinated efforts with state and federal partners. All data and information collected at the site indicates any radiological material remains contained within the Superfund site and that public health remains protected.
3. The community's frustration with the slow pace of activities is understandable; but, it's important to emphasize the public drinking water supply is safe. Furthermore, additional data shows no contamination from radiological material at offsite wells.
4. EPA is working to help finalize the effort to install an isolation barrier, which separates the Superfund site from the Bridgeton landfill. This work will keep the subsurface smoldering separate from the radiological material.
5. Finally, through its Superfund program EPA will make sure the responsible parties continue to take steps to protect the community immediately and in the long term.

From: Reynolds, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 3:08 PM
To: Carey, Curtis; Stanislaus, Mathy; Behringer, Caroline; Tapia, Cecilia; Cohen, Nancy
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron
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Slightly revised to get them to a much higher level. Please review and send me your comments.

Also, note the need for a quick backgrounder. Basically a few lines that someone who knows nothing could read and understand the top lines.

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Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron

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Please find the R7 cleared talking points attached.

Best,

Curtis

From: Brooks, Karl

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 12:42 PM

To: Stanislaus, Mathy; Behringer, Caroline; Reynolds, Thomas; Carey, Curtis; Tapia, Cecilia; Hammerschmidt, Ron

Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra; Cohen, Nancy; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Hague, Mark

Subject: Re: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

We r on it. Curtis Carey w send.

From: Stanislaus, Mathy
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 11:40:53 AM
To: Behringer, Caroline; Reynolds, Thomas; Brooks, Karl
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra; Cohen, Nancy; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin
Subject: RE: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

Karl – I suggest to have your folks work with Nancy Cohen to put together high level materials

From: Behringer, Caroline
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:38 PM
To: Reynolds, Thomas; Stanislaus, Mathy; Brooks, Karl
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa; Belknap, Andra
Subject: RE: hot -- talking points on Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis

+Andra, who has been handling this from our shop

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From: Reynolds, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:34 PM
To: Stanislaus, Mathy; Brooks, Karl; Behringer, Caroline

Cc: Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Feldt, Lisa
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See below from the White House.

POTUS doing a series of interviews with local media and will likely get a question about the West Lake Landfill in St. Louis.

Need talking points that we can provide to the WH to prep POTUS.

Need to turn this around by 4 pm to get in WH briefing book.

From: Bush, Mike [<mailto:MBUSH@ksdk.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:05 PM
To: Maley, Keith
Subject: RE: White House opportunity KSDK

Hi Keith-

I wanted to give you a heads up on a question we might ask the President. I realize that this is probably not on his radar but I'm being inundated with emails from some St. Louis residents. It is HYPER local as you said.

It concerns the EPA Superfund site called the West Lake Landfill. Right next to it is the Bridgeton Landfill where there is an underground fire burning and residents feel they aren't getting action from the EPA. They are worried about their safety.

I'm not sure we will have time to ask but here is a recent article just in case--

Missouri's congressional delegation wants the radioactive waste at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton handled with help from the Army Corps of Engineers, which has worked to clean up other nuclear waste sites in downtown St. Louis and near the airport.

The Environmental Protection Agency is working with the landfill's owners, Republic Services, to determine how to prevent an underground fire at the adjacent Bridgeton Landfill from reaching the radioactive waste.

"Given the Corps' expertise in this area, and the local community's faith in the Corps ... we request that the EPA consider contracting directly with the Corps to handle any and all remediation needed at the site," reads the letter to EPA administrator Karl Brooks which is dated Feb. 28 and signed by Sen. Claire McCaskill, Sen. Roy Blunt, Rep. Lacy Clay and Rep. Ann Wagner.

Brooks said Tuesday that he is seriously considering the recommendation to work with the Army Corps.

"Like the delegation and the Missourians they represent, I also want to know from the experts with EPA, (the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) and our Missouri state agency partners, that conditions in the Bridgeton community remain protective of human health," Brooks said in a statement. "I am regularly assured by these experts that the community is being protected from the nuclear waste that was dumped illegally at West Lake four decades ago."

The St. Louis County Council, county executive Charlie Dooley, the nearby SSM DePaul Health Center, Pattonville School District and the North County Incorporated business development group have all asked for the Army Corps of Engineers to handle the cleanup at the landfill under its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program for radioactive waste.